

# THE NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# TOWN OF MILLIS

FOR THE

Fiscal Year Ending February 24, 1894.



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# TOWN OFFICERS, 1893-94.

SELECTMEN.

ADIN P. BLAKE, HENRY L. MILLIS, MOSES C. ADAMS.

TOWN CLERK.

LOUIS LA CROIX.

, ASSESSORS.

FRED H. HOLLAND,

JOSEPH W. FARWELL,

GEO. C. THRASHER.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

HORATIO JONES, THOMAS HARDING, ADIN P. BLAKE.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

J. WARREN CLARK, TERM EXPIRES 1894.
HENRY F. LANE, TERM EXPIRES 1895.
EVAN F. RICHARDSON, TERM EXPIRES 1896.

TREASURER.

\*CHARLES G. BRACKETT,

†OSGOOD T. DEAN.

COLLECTOR.

GEO. C. THRASHER.

\*Resigned. †Appointed.

CONSTABLES.

J. CLARENCE THORNE,

JOHN H. INGRAHAM,

ALBERT R. DANIELS.

FENCE VIEWERS.

MOSES RICHARDSON, PUTNAM CLARK, FRANK E. COOK.

TRUSTEES PUBLIC LIBRARY.

H. L. MILLIS, 1896, A. L. HOLLANDER, 1896,

O. T. DEAN, 1895, E. O. JAMESON, 1895,

GEO. H. CLARK, 1894,

MRS. HELEN E. VAN KLEECK, 1894.

PARK COMMISSIONERS.

J. S. FOLSOM 1895,

C. B. RUSS, 1894.

AUDITOR.

EDWARD J. STEWART.

Appointed by the Selectmen.

FIRE ENGINEERS AND FOREST WARDS.

J. S. ADAMS, Chief,

J. W. FARWELL, Clerk, CFO P. HALLES LA CROIX, GEO. R. HILL,

J. H. INGRAHAM.

SPECIAL POLICE.

J. C. THORNE, A. R. DANIELS, CHAS. J. ROBERTS, GEO. H. CLARK, WM. H. THORNE, J. W. FARWELL.

PUBLIC WEIGHERS.

CHARLES LA CROIX, OSGOOD T. DEAN,

F. SWARMAN, E. N. CLARK.

#### SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

HENRY E. HOSMER (resigned.) O. T. DEAN.

INSPECTOR OF CATTLE. MOSES C. ADAMS.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND LUMBER.

GEO. C. THRASHER, LEMUEL CLARK,

G. S. HOSLEY

UNDERTAKER.

EVAN F. RICHARDSON.

# THE RECORDS

OF THE

TOWN MEETINGS OF THE NINTH MUNICIPAL YEAR, 1893-94.

THE FIRST TOWN MEETING, APRIL 10, 1893.

#### TOWN WARRANT.

# Commonwealth of Massachusette.

Norfolk, ss.

To Jeremiah H. Shannon, Constable of the Town of Millis.

GREETING: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify the inhabitants of the town of Millis qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at vestry of the Congregational church in said Millis, on Monday, the tenth day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator of said meeting.

Unanimously elected, Ephraim O. Jameson as Moderator, and he qualified before the town clerk.

ART. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the various town officers and committees.

Voted to accept the report of the selectmen for the past year.

Voted to accept the treasurer's report.

Voted to accept the remaining reports in the advance printed report.

ART. 3. To choose a clerk and treasurer, board of selectmen, board of assessors, board of overseers of the poor, collector of taxes, constables, auditor, and one member of the school committee for three years, one member of the park commission, two trustees of the public library for three years, also to choose all other town officers.

Moderator appointed Geo. F. Holbrook and Augustus L. Ware, Geo. H. Roberts and Geo. H. Clark as tellers to assist in receiving and counting the votes; they qualified before the town clerk.

The polls were closed at 2.10 o'clock P. M. Ballot box register and number of names checked on list of voters corresponded with the number of ballots found in box, 202.

The ballots were sorted, counted and declared and were as follows:

For Town Clerk:		
	Louis La Croix,	109
	Geo. C. Thrasher,	89
Selectmen:		
	Henry L. Millis,	134
	Willard P. Clark,	93
	Moses C. Adams,	99
	James H. Haines,	2
	Louis La Croix,	94
	Adin P. Blake,	167
	George A. F. Kingham,	3
Assessors:		
	Joseph W. Farwell,	100
	George C. Thrasher,	99
	James H. Haines,	93
	Moses C. Adams,	17
	Fred H. Holland,	132
	John M. Crane,	76
	Willard P. Clark,	67
Overseers of the Po	or:	
	Thomas Harding,	179
	James H. Haines,	66,
	Evan F. Richardson,	I
	Horatio Jones,	180
	Adin P. Blake,	117

School Committee		
	Evan F. Richardson,	
	E. O. Jameson,	201
Treasurer:	,	1
	Charles G. Brackett,	
	Evan F. Richardson,	102
	Louis La Croix,	92
Collector:	La Cioix,	2
	Geo. C. Thrasher,	
Constables:	oco. c. inrasner,	191
	Jeremiah H. Shannon,	
	J. Clarence Thorne,	198
	Albert R. Daniels,	198
	John H. Ingraham,	168
Fence Viewers:	, angranam,	198
	Moses Richardson,	
	Putnam R. Clark,	105
	Frank E. Cook,	106
	Osgood T. Dean,	106
	Jonathan C. Standley,	26
	Charles La Croix,	93
	James P. Spencer,	66
Trustees of Public 1	ibvara a	92
J ~ 1	Hanry I Men	
	Henry L. Millis,	196
	Alva L. Hollander,	103
	Louis La Croix,	78
	Osgood T. Dean, for 2 years	196
	Fred W. Watson, for 1 year	92
Park Commission	Geo. H. Clark, for 1 year	105
Park Commissioner,		
1. 14	John S. Folsom,	195
Auditor:		
	Charles G. Brackett,	93
	Edward J. Stewart,	102

Voted, that all officers not elected by ballot be appointed by the selectmen.

ART. 4. To vote "Yes" or "No" to the question: Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town?

Whole number of ballots cast, 141—Yes, 52; No, 89.

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ART. 5. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the selectmen and posted according to law.

Revised and accepted list of jurors as follows:

FRANCIS O. PHILLIPS, FRANCIS H. DANIELS, HORATIO JONES, CHARLES F. SPENCER, CALEB S. WILLIAMS, WALTER H. ANDREWS, CHARLES E. DRAPER, FRED H. HOLLAND. GEO. P. SIMMONS, EVAN F. RICHARDSON, GEO. R. HILL, LOUIS LACROIX, JONATHAN C. STANDLEY. EDMUND N. CLARK, WALTER R. MORSE,

ART. 6. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, the same to be paid from the taxes of 1893.

Voted that the treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the present and current year, and to give notes of the town therefor; and the debts incurred under authority of this vote are hereby made payable from said taxes.

ART. 7. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray town expenses for the year ensuing.

Voted to grant \$15,160.

Appropriated as follows:

Debt and Interest .										\$5,200 0	0
Highways and bridges										1,500 0	
Sidewalks										300 0	0
General incidentals										1,000 0	0
Schools: School incide	entals	s, fue	el, tra	anspo	rtatio	on, tu	ition,	care	of		
house and superinte										3,500 0	0
Poor Department .										1,000 0	0
Fire Department .										500 0	0
Snow Bills										100 0	0
Street Lights										1,250 0	0
TV 1 11 T 11										100 0	0
~										50 0	0
										60 0	0
Hydrant Service .										600 0	0
											-
									-	\$15,160 0	0

On motion of E. J. Stewart for a correction of records of April 18, 1892, Voted, that the town make a contract with the Millis Water Co. for not less than twenty hydrants at a

rental of fifty dollars per hydrant per year for a term of ten years, and that this contract be made in writing, properly signed by both parties, and that at any time the town may have the right to increase the number of hydrants pro rata.

ART. 8. To see what compensation the town will allow the collector of taxes for the year ensuing.

Voted to allow the collector of taxes one per cent. for collecting.

ART. 9. To see what disposition the town will make of the money refunded by the county on account of dog licenses.

Voted to appropriate the money refunded by the county on account of dog licenses, to the use of the public library.

ART. 10. To see if the town will grant a sum of money for the support and maintenance of the public library.

Voted to appropriate \$100 to be expended by the trustees.

ART. 11. To see what sum the town will grant for the expenses of Memorial Day.

Voted to appropriate \$60; that the appropriation for Memorial Day be expended by George R. Hill.

ART. 12. To see if the town will grant a sum of money for the care and repair of the cemetery.

Voted to appropriate \$50. Voted that the appropriation for the cemetery be in charge of Moses Richardson.

ART. 13. To see if the town will make provisions for the salary of the superintendent of schools.

Voted that the school committee be authorized to draw on their appropriation for a sum not exceeding \$150 for the salary of the superintendent of schools.

ART. 14. To see if the town will cause a reservoir to be built near the chapel at Rockville, for fire purposes, and appropriate money for same, or act in relation thereto.

Voted to appropriate \$175 to build a reservoir in Rockville and the matter of location be left in the hands of the fire engineers. Voted that the appropriation be expended under direction of the fire engineers.

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ART. 15. To see if the town will purchase one thousand feet of two and one-half inch fire hose, and appropriate money for same, or act in relation thereto.

Voted to appropriate \$600 for purchase of fire hose to be expended by the fire engineers.

Voted to adjourn to Monday evening, April 17, 1893, at 7.30 o'clock.

Louis La Croix,

Town Clerk.

Proceedings of adjourned meeting, April 17, 1893.

ART. 16. To see if the town will accept the by-laws as revised and presented by the selectmen and committee.

Laid on table until later in evening.

Voted that the by-laws be referred back to the committee with power to employ counsel.

ART. 17. To see if the town will erect a schoolhouse on land purchased of Lura A. Huntley, or act in any matter relating thereto.

Voted, 37 Yes, 34 No, to erect a schoolhouse on land purchased of Lura A. Huntley.

Voted, that a building committee be appointed to consider the matter and report with plans at some future meeting.

Thomas Harding, Charles LaCroix, Henry L. Millis, James H. Haines, Edward J. Stewart were appointed as committee.

Voted, that the committee report at the next annual meeting.

Meeting dissolved.

Louis LaCroix, Town Clerk.

# SECOND TOWN MEETING, JULY 17, 1893.

#### TOWN WARRANT.

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Norfolk, ss.

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To J. Clarence Thorne, Constable of the Town of Millis.

GREETING: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Millis, qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the vestry of the Church of Christ in Millis, in said town, on Monday, the seventeenth day of July current, at eight o'clock in the evening for the following purposes, to wit:

ARTICLE I. To choose a moderator.

Unanimously elected, Geo. C. Thrasher as moderator, he qualified before the town clerk.

ART. 2. To see if the town will vote to raise by borrowing, the sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars for debt and interest appropriated at the town meeting held April 10, 1893, instead of raising the same by taxation, or take any action relative thereto.

Voted, that the town treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to borrow when so directed by the selectmen, the sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars, paying therefor a rate of interest not exceeding per cent. per annum, and giving therefor the note or notes of the town, bearing the date at the time when said note or notes are issued, signed by the treasurer, and countersigned by a majority at least of the Selectmen, the said sum to be applied to the payment of the debt and interest for which an appropriation was made at a

town meeting held April 10, 1893, instead of raising the same by taxation. Such indebtedness shall be made payable in such annual proportionate payments as will extinguish the same within five years from the date of delivery of said notes.

ART. 3. To hear the report of any committee.

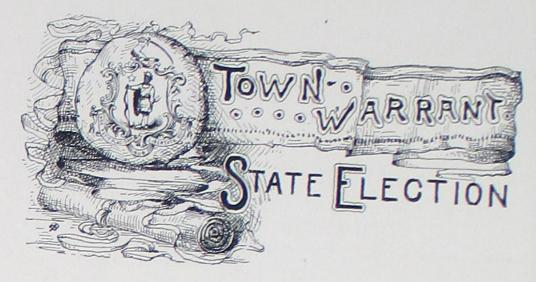
Passed.

Adjourned.

Louis LaCroix,

Town Clerk.





Nov. 7, 1893.

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Norfolk, ss.

To J. Clarence Thorne, Constable of the Town of Millis.

GREETING: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Millis, qualified to vote in elections, to meet in the vestry of the First Church of Christ, in said town, on Tuesday, the seventh day of November next, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to give in their votes for the following State and County officers, to wit:

Governor of the Commonwealth,
Lieutenant Governor,
Councillor for Second Councillor District,
Secretary of the Commonwealth,
Treasurer, and Receiver General,
Auditor of the Commonwealth,
Attorney-General,

Senator for Second Norfolk Senatorial District,

Representative to the General Court for the Ninth Norfolk Representative District,

County Commissioner for Norfolk County,

Register of Probate and insolvency,

Amendment to the Constitution. Shall the proposed amendment to the Constitution relative to the payment of mileage to members of the General Court be approved and ratified?

All of said votes to be on one ballot. The polls will be opened at eight o'clock in the forenoon, and kept open until two o'clock in the afternoon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the churches and Post Offices in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the selectmen, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-eighth day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three.

HENRY L. MILLIS, Moses C. Adams, Adin P. Blake,

Selectmen of Millis.

Evan F. Richardson and Geo. C. Thrasher, ballot clerks, Geo. F. Holbrook and Frank E. Cook, deputies, were qualified before the town clerk.

The polls were closed at four o'clock p. m.

The ballot box registered 189. 188 names were checked on the list as having voted. 188 ballots were found in the box.

The ballot clerks and deputies qualified as tellers to assist the selectmen in counting.

The ballots were sorted, counted, declared and sealed as required by law and were for the following persons:

Governor:

Louis Albert Banks of Hyde Park 3 Frederick T. Greenhalge of Lowell 101 John E. Russell of Leicester 78

#### Lieutenant Governor: James B. Carroll of Springfield 73 Henry C. Smith of Williamsburg 3 Roger Wolcott of Boston 104 Secretary: James W. McDonald of Marlborough 74 William M. Olin of Boston 103 Samuel B. Shapleigh of Boston 2 Treasurer: Wilbert D. Farnham, Jr. of Somerville 2 Henry M. Phillips of Springfield 105 Squire E. Putney of Somerville 2 Eben S. Stevens of Dudley 71 Auditor: Alfred H. Evans of Ashburnham Bordman Hall of Boston 71 John W. Kimball of Fitchburg 105 Attorney General: Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford 106 Charles S. Lilley of Lowell 71 Daniel Lynch of Boston Robert F. Raymond of New Bedford Councillor-Second District: William Moore of Walpole 74 Cyrus Savage of Taunton IC4 Register of Probate and Insolvency-Norfolk County: Jonathan Cobb of Dedham 142 County Commissioner-Norfolk: Watts H. Bowker of Brookline-105 Elliot C. Lee of Brookline 74 Senator-Second Norfolk District: Robert S. Gray of Walpole 103 Timothy F. Quinn of Sharon 72 Salmon W. Squire of Franklin 3 Representative in General Court-Ninth Norfolk District : Richard Cunningham of Wellesley 73 Oliver C. Livermore of Wellesley 104 Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution relative to the Payment of Mileage to Members of the General Court be approved and ratified? Yes 60

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No

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Result of the vote cast November 7, 1893, in the Ninth Norfolk Representative District, for one Representative to the General Court:

Total vote of the district, 1,472.

Medfield Needham	OLIVER C. LIVERMORE, 172 320	RICHARD CUNNINGHAM 94 150	BLANKS. 17 54
Dover	70	29	10
Wellesley	261	199	34
Millis	104	73	11
	927	545	126
	STILLMAN J. SPEAR,	Town Clerk of	Medfield.
	CHARLES C. GREENWOOD	, "	Needham.
	EBEN HIGGINS,	44	Dover.
	FRED H. KINGSBURY,	"	Wellesley.
	Louis La Croix,	"	Millis.



# FOURTH TOWN MEETING, JANUARY, 25, 1894.

#### TOWN WARRANT.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Norfolk, ss.

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To J. Clarence Thorne, Constable of the Town of Millis.

GREETING: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Millis, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet in Grange Hall, in said town, on Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of January, current, at half past seven o'clock in the evening, for the following purpose, to wit:—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Augustus L. Ware was elected moderator and qualified before the town clerk.

ART. 2. To hear the report of the committee on By-Laws and act thereon.

A set of By-Laws presented by the committee was read by the town clerk. On motion of E. J. Stewart, voted that the By-Laws, as presented by the committee, be printed and distributed to voters of the town for their consideration, and action at the next annual meeting.

ART. 3. To adopt By-Laws or orders for the government of the town affairs.

Voted to refer Article 3 to the annual meeting.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 386 of the acts of 1890, "an act to authorize the printing and distributing of ballots for town elections at the public expense." Voted unanimously that the town do adopt the provisions of Chapter 386 of the Acts of 1890.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will determine what officers, not required by law to be chosen by ballot, shall be so chosen, also the number and terms of such officers.

Voted to choose only such officers by ballot as towns are required by law to choose, by ballot, at their annual meetings.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will determine the number and terms of the following named officers, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Trustees of the Public Library, Collector of Taxes, Auditors and Constables.

Voted, Selectmen be three and serve one year; Assessors be three and serve one year; Overseers of the Poor be three and serve one year; School Committee be three and serve three years; Trustees of Public Library be three and serve three years; Collector of Taxes be one and serve one year; Auditor be one and serve one year; Constables be two and serve one year.

Louis La Croix,

Town Clerk.



# VITAL STATISTICS.

The Public Statutes of Massachusetts, Chap. 32, Sec. 2 reads as follows:

Parents shall give notice to the clerk of their city or town of the births and deaths of their children. Every householder shall give like notice of every birth or death happening in his house; the eldest person next of kin shall give such notice of the death of his kindred.

Whoever neglects to give such notice for the space of six months after a birth or death shall forfeit a sum not exceeding five dollars.

Blanks for making the above reports may be had at any time by applying to the town clerk.

Louis La Croix, Town Clerk.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN MILLIS FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 24, 1894.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS.
1893.		
Mar. 13	(Female) Allen George Basil Fisher Julia Marie Murphy Frances Lavender Edith Frances Richardson Hiram Pervear Lacroix Esther Goldman Arthur Finlay Joseph Henry Cassidy Glady Banring Curry Lottie Louise Sawyer Orrin Wilbert Clark Leander D. Hatfield Harry E. Farrington Harold Edward Campbell Patrick Francis Garrity Harold William Whiting  Bertha Jane Cook Bernard Lucien Spilings	Daniel T. and Mary (McGinnis).  James R. and Ann e (Rafuse).  John and Margaret (Burr).  William and Annie (Stafford).  Geo. C. and Abbie A. (Nevens).  William H. and Eva A. (Danieis).  Charles and Minnie (Dirke).  Geo. K. and Ethel (Stevens).  Daniel J. and Kate A. (Driscoll).  Geo. H. and Minnie (Dirke).  Evan F. and Geneive F (Howe).  Edward and Lena C. (Adalstein).  Louis and Ida (Kazernick).  James and Jane (Dennis).  Terrence H. and Mary E. (Ford).  Samuel S. and Anna (Barizht).  Lauren E. and Lucy C. (Bullard).  Wilbert H. and Abbie M. (Perrigo).  Leander D. and Mary A. (Burton).  John A. and Sarah M. (Brown).  Edward C. and Sarah J. (Smith).  Patrick and Mary (Gallager).  Wesley W. and Flora A. (Wiswell).
23	Ruth Esther Dean	Henry S. and Maria J. (Thompson).
25	Ruth Esther Dean	Osgood T. and Mary E (Libby).  Albert and Katherine E. (McMahon).

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## MARRIAGES RECORDED IN MILLIS FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 24, 1894.

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE	BY WHOM AND WHERE MARKIED.
1893.			
Jan. 9	Arthur L. Hartshorn	Millis	Rev. Thos. B Lowney
Feb. 6	John Sullivan	Millis	Rev. John Gibbons,
Apr. 19	James L. Bickford	Millis	Rev. Thos. J. B. House
June 4	Frank T. Touhey	Medway	Rev. Thos. B. Lowney,
17	Mary J O'Riley Frank S. Harding	Millis	Rev. Wm. S. Kelsey,
19	Katie M. Obst	Millis	Rev. Thos. B. Lowney,
Nov. 16	Margaret Murphy	Millis	Rev. A. H. Wheelock,
20	Frances E. Fuller John J. Sullivan	Millis	Rev. Thos. B. Lowney,
30	Jennie Carroll	Millis	Rev. A. H. Wheelock,
30	Susie W. I. ovell W. Percy Daniels	Millis	Rev. A. H. Wheelock,
30	Mary F. Young	Millis	Rev. Thos. B. Lowney,
1804.	Margaret A. Keefe	Millis	Medway
Jan. 17	Lemuel Clark	Millis	Rev. R. J. Adams,
Feb. 13	Bertha J. Sweet	Jamaica Plain Portland, Me	Rev. F. Hutchinson, Framingham

#### DEATHS RECORDED IN MILLIS FOR YEAR ENDING FEB. 24, 1894.

DATE.	NAME.		AGE.		PLACE OF BURIAL
1893.		Υ.	М.	D.	
Iar. 6	Mary Esther Clark	-	8	4	Millis.
22	Willard Dunham Hodges	7	7	22	Millis.
Jay 6	Grace Howard Frink	5	4	7	Millis.
17	Abbie R. Clark	58	8	21	Millis.
une II	Walter Lester Shannon	6	I	14	Foxboro.
uly 1	Elihu S. Fuller	69	I	6	Millis.
19	Elizabeth Simmons	51	4	29	Medfield.
lug. 4	E izabeth J. Campbell	55	6	24	Norfolk.
13	Noah Daniels	79	6	21	Millis.
Nov. 12		-	-	I	Millis.
29	James R. Plimpton	79	_	-	Norfolk.
Dec. 8	Collins C. Darling	82	9	19	Millis.
28	Mary Adams	85	10	21	Millis.
1894.	D				
an. 3	Patrick F. Garrity	-	_	21	Medway.
6	Margaret McGrath	30	3	-	Holliston.
14	Horaee C. Roach			3	Millis.
17		79	0.1115	7	D. L.
31	Dumas	0	Still born.	0	Franklin.
Feb. 19	Elizabethh Clark	81	8	8	Millis.
20	Anna H. Adams	53	6	25	Millis.

#### INTERMENTS IN MILLIS, DEATHS OCCURRING IN OTHER PLACES.

DATE.	NAME.			AGE.		PLACE OF DEATH.	
1893.				Υ.	M.	D.	
	Helen M. Nichols			74	_		Philadelphia, Pa.
	Laura A. Richardson .			69	-	-	Woodside, N. Y.
	Howard D. Ingraham			3	9	12	Beverly.



### For the Year 1893-94.



HE Treasurer of the Town of Millis, hereby submits his annual report for the financial year ending February 24, 1894.

# OSGOOD T. DEAN, Treasurer,

In account with the Town of Millis, Mass.

				DR.						
Balance Peddler's license										\$183 85
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- said of for										
Millis Savings Bank,	uemand	Loai	1				-	-		900 00
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" " " Institution for Savin		66								800 00
Institution for Savin	gs in Ro	xburv	de	mana	l loan					400 00
Holliston Savings Ba	ink .		,		1 IJali	-				2,000 00
N. F. Goldsmith .										2,000 00
									_	2,000 00
Amount carried for	rward								51	11,816 85

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Amount brought forward						\$11,816	85
Market National Bank, demand loan						1,500	00
R. G. Fairbanks, Esq., Court fines .						98	00
Emery Grover, Esq., " " .						20	74
Poor, sale of clothing						1	50
Schools, rebate from N. V. & N. E. R. R.						11	76
W. D. Newland, poor						15	00'
Treasurer Commonwealth, corporation ta						5	54
Auctioneer's license						2	00"
Interest on deposit in bank						5	82
George B. Fiske, secretary, School Fund						164	FF
Interest on deposit in bank						I	45
Highways, sale of plank						I	00
Treasurer Commonwealth, corporation ta						141	82
" National Bank	tax					307	45
" State aid						136	00
" income school	tax					289	03
J. H. Dodge, Auditor, Boston, poor .						28	50
Treasurer, County, dog tax						138	
Highways, sale of plank							68
Schools, sale of books						2	36
Highways, sale of plank							61
Town of Foxboro, W. S. Wright						48	15
George C. Thrasher, Collector						0	
					\$	23,532	00
CR.							
Treasurer, Commonwealth, interest on pa						\$155	00
Louis LaCroix, note and interest						417	79
Millis Savings Bank, note						500	00
" " interest on above .						I	00
" " note						500	00
" " interest on above .						6	25
Holliston Savings Bank, interest on note						38	89
" " note						1,000	00
" " note and interes	st					1,119	59
Treasurer, Commonwealth, Park loan, no	te ar	nd in	tere	st		1,155	00
Millis Savings Bank, interest on note .						27	00
" " partial payment of n	ote					300	00
" " interest on above .						7	65
Roxbury Institution for Savings, note .						2,000	00
" " interest	on a	bove				67	50
Amount commiss formand						Šn cor	6-
Amount carried forward						\$7,295	07

Amount brough	t for	ward									
Millis Savings Ba	ank, r	artia	1 nav	mont							87,295 67
" " Market National	" I	ntere	est on	abov	or no	te.		,			200 00
Market National	Bank	inte	erest	on not	e .		*				20 00
- , Colusinin,			56	66							3"
C. H. Smith, Tre	asure	r. Co	unte	Tax			,				150 00
G. A. Marden, Tr	easur	er. S	tate '	Tav		*					534 84
Court expenses											
Court expenses School Committe Selectmen's order	e ord	ers									34 29
Selectmen's order	s .									-	4,156 55
Overseers of Poor	orde	TS							3		6,208 72
Overseers of Poor Fire Engineers Memorial Day.						-					1,358 05
Memorial Day . Cemetery											2,405 00
Cemetery Public Library Balance on hand									-		43 90
Balance on hand										-	238 70
							-	*	*	-	192 78
Books evami	nod		1.6.	1						\$2	3-532 00

Books examined and found correct.

E. J. STEWART,

Auditor.

Osgood T. Dean,

Treasurer,



# COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

DR.

To warrant				\$12,458	50
	0	R.			
By amount paid treasurer					
Balance due				. 5,387 01	50

Respectfully submitted,

George C. Thrasher,

Collector of Taxes.





# To the Inhabitants of Millis:



HE first work that was called to the attention of the selectmen was rebuilding Plain street and building Lavender street. Plain street was contracted to J. H. Thorne to build street and side-

walk for \$475, Mr. Thorne being the lowest bidder. The street was built according to plans and specifications made by S. C. Taft, civil engineer. Extra work was required in moving walls and building railings, so that we were obliged to exceed the appropriation \$55.40.

The sum of \$300 was appropriated to build Lavender street; \$292.81 was expended, but the street is far from being completed.

The sum of \$150 was appropriated for repairing Curve street; \$60.15 was expended, and made it in very good condition.

#### BRIDGES.

The selectmen were obliged to rebuild the Baltimore bridge in Rockville at an expense of \$287.14.

Lovell's bridge was replanked with hard pine planks at an expense of \$39.36. This leaves the bridges in good repair, and but little expense will be required for bridges the coming year.

On account of the large amount of snow the past season, we have been obliged to exceed the appropriation by \$338.13, as only \$100 was appropriated, this being an expense that cannot be avoided.

The guide boards are in good condition.

## Financial Statement of Selectmen.

# Special Grants, Receipts, and Expenditures, In Charge of Selectmen.

#### HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation .		. \$1.	500	00	
Received for Plank			6	29	
		-		\$1,506	29

#### EXPENDED.

#### CENTRE DISTRICT.

Paid to	Edward	LaCroix,	drain p	pipe					\$85	94
		44							15	98
	46	"		56	and	cat	ch ba	asins	18	34
	Putnam	R. Clark,	labor,	189	2				4	00
	G. S. H	osley,	44	66					2	85
	J. H. Th	orne, sew	er .						90	70
	George 1	R. Hill, se	wer						5	15
Amor	int carrie	d forwara	7						\$222	96

Amount brought forwa							\$222 9
Paid to John Higgins, la	bor						pres y
Mike Splain, lab	or, two	hille			1		15
Thomas Keenan,	labor	Dills		*	*		60
W. A. Johnson,	14001			•			3 0
John Higgins,	44	,					3 50
Patrick Costello,	66						2 2
Thomas O'Hara,							3 00
Patrick Gallagar,							3 00
Stanly A. Clark,		1					I 50
G. S. Hosley,	44						4 00
Gardner Pennima							8 00
E. F. Richardson.	n, "	two l	oills				4 50
H E H							8 00
							75
Geo. N. Lavender	, drawi	ng pl	ank				2 50
Geo. McQuesten,	lumber						27 28
N. Y. & N. E. R.	R., frei	ght					3 24
J. C. and H. H. T	horne,	labo	r.				110 60
H. E. Hosmer, lab	or on l	oridg	е.				6 34
T. Nolen,							6 00
G. S. Hosley,	and	grave	1 .				49 30
Putnam R. Clark,	labor a	nd gr	ravel				64 00
Lule Brennen,	55						
John O. Peterson,	66						1 50
John Tremon,	44						9 75
. Gardner Penniman	22						10 50
John Shea,	44						20 25
Joseph Shea	44						48 00
John Ryan,	44						4 50
John Morrison,	66						10 50
T. Nolen,	44					*	1 36
Thomas Costello,	**						21 75
A. Trainner,	44		*				26 25
Joe McDonald	44	*			-		24 00
J. C. Thorne,	44						12 38
J. P. Spencer,	66			-	*		74 00
Stanley A. Clark,	44		*				19 92
			*				20 85
Portland Stone War	e Co.,	pipe			-		9 00
Thomas Maloy, labo			-	*	-		10 00
J. H. Shannon, repai	iring to	ols		4 5			12 70
W. S. Mitchell, repair	iring sc	reens		*		-	6 54
P. R. Clark, railing f	or brid	ge	-	*		-	4 50

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#### NORTH DISTRICT.

Paid to John Higgins, labor			\$4 80	
Richard McGrath, labor			3 00	
Mike Splain, "			3 00	
Thomas Keenan, "			2 25	
Frank E. Cook, labor and gravel			21 45	
E. N. Clark, raking stone				
John Higgins, " "			I 50	
Frank Cassidy, labor			56 25	
James Spellman, "			12 67	
J. W. Daniels, 245 loads gravel .			12 25	
Jonn Clark, cutting bushes, 1892 and	1893		21 50	
Patrick Burns, labor			8 91	
Phillip Cassidy, "			12 67	
John O. Peterson, labor			67	
Frank E. Cook, " and gravel			56 78	
Frank E. Cassidy, " two bills			53 66	
N. Y. & N. E. R. R. Co., freight			1 79	
Portland Stone Ware Co			9 00	
John M. Crane, labor			28 00	
Thomas Maloy				
Mike Splain,				
			3	\$328 90
	4			\$320 go
South Distri	CT.			
Paid to Elmer L. Richardson, labor, three bil	ls		\$62 10	

Paid to Elmer L. Richardson,				ills		\$62	10
James Dumas,	4.6					6	75
Frank Daniels,	44	tw	o bil	ls		30	44
Fred Hutchinson,	44					6	00
N. Y. & N. E. R. R.	Co., f	reigh	it			29	55
Lumber for bridge						181	65
H. E. Hosmer, labor	on br	idge				33	77
Edwin T. Rogers, lab	or on	brid	ge			6	00
E. Ryan, labor on br	idge					16	25
George N. Lavender,	draw	ing l	umb	er		6	73
Edwin T. Rogers, sha	arp pi	cks				I	65
J. C. Standley, labor,	two 1	oills				29	55
John Cherry, "						7	50
James Logan "						2	25
					-		-
Amounts carried forward						\$420	19

Amount brought forwar	rd d								
Paid to Dennis McCarty	labor						\$420	19	
Paid to Dennis McCarty, William O'Neil,	12001			*	*	1	. 9	00	
John Hutchinson		,					. 6	00	
E. Ryan,							. 10	67	
							- 16	70	
W. S. Mitchell, lu	mber I	bridg	е.				. 12	72	
John Furgerson, 1	anging	glant	tern				. 1	25	
								-	\$476 53
Total									
								\$	1,694 90
	P	LAIN	STR	EET.					
Appropriation .									
						\$500			
		EXPI	ENDE	D.					
Paid to C G Procket									
Paid to C. G. Brackett, pri	nting						\$2	50	
S. C. Taft, surveying	ng		. *				8 0	00	
J. H. Thorne, cont	ract						475 0	0	
H. E. Hosmer, lab	or on t	ence		-			15 6	5	
S. E. S. & R. Comp	pany, s	awing	g pos	its			8 0	0	
Geo. L. Myer, pain	ting fer	nce	*				2 5	0	
J. C. & H. H. Thor	ne, mo	ving	wall	S.		-	24 5	0	
W. S. Mitchell, rail	Ing Data		-		-		14 2	5	
Millis Wood, Ice &	Brick	Co.,	40 P	osts	at 12	I-2C	5 0	0	
								- 5	555 40
	LAVE	MARK	n Can						
	LAND	ADE	. 51	KEE.	r.				
Appropriation					\$300	00			
	E	XPEN	DED.						
Paid to Thomas Keenan							\$7 50		
John McCarthy .							7 50		
G. S. Hosley .							20 35		
John Higgins .							8 10		
J. R. Thompson .				-			10 50		
Richard McGrath							7 50		
Thomas Keenan .							3 00		
Patrick Costello .							3 60		
William Johnson					4		5 25		
Patrick Gallaghar					-		1 27		
Amount carried forward						-			
Jer war w							\$74 57		

Amount brought forward       \$74 57         Paid to John Higgins	
Thomas O'Harra	
Thomas Keenan	
Mike Splain	
G. S. Hosley	
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Y 1 YY	
John Higgins	
Frank E. Cook ,	
Mike Splain 4 50	
Edward La Croix, drain pipe 6 07	
Thomas O'Harra	
Evan F. Richardson	
Geo. N. Lavender 4 00	
Edmund Ryan	
J. C. & H. H. Thorne	
G. S. Hosley, gravel	
Thomas Lavender 20 00	
Mike Murphy	
Thomas Maloy 4 50	
\$292 81	
CUDUE STREET	
CURVE STREET.	
CURVE STREET.  Appropriation \$150 00	
Appropriation	

\$190 89

Amount brought forward	1						
Paid to E. F. Richardson,							\$37 00
J. Clarence Thorn				*		*	5 50
16 46				1			79 95
							7 62
Oak Grove Farm							\$130 07
Millis Company							25 07
G. S. Hosley, grave	el 18	ins.					23 25
7,8-2,	, 10	· 92 ·					12 50
		Sno	w Bi	LLS.			
Appropriation					\$10	0 00	
Paid to J. Clarence Thorne	and	otho	***				
Stanley A. Clark .	anu	othe	rs .				\$37 50
William R. Kirby					*		7 80
George C. Thrasher						*	44 50
W. H. Phelps .							3 10
Herbert Wiggin .							2 10
Dennis Murphy							90
John Simmons .						*	17 50
Frank Cassidy .						-	2 25
Lemuel Clark .							22 40
J. C. & H. H. Thorn				-			31 45
J. P. Spencer .							13 50
James H. Haines				*	1		4 50
I. Cousins							9 57
John A. Simmons							10 00
James Spellman .	-	•			-		6 45
P. R. Clark		*			*		9 00
Fred Cassidy .							6 30
C C Harley							
Niagara Engine Co.				-			90
E. F. Richardson					*		24 50
E. L. Richardson					-		3 50
E. N. Clark .			*		*		r. 87
A D							3 15
Moses C. Adams and	ather						8 25
Harry Goss .	other	13			*		12 05
S. Leslie				*		*	2 00
A. Shotts and others						*	2 00
				•	-	-	17 10
Amount carried forward						\$3	13 29

Amount brought forward							\$313 29	
Paid to Dennis Murphy .			,					
Elmer L. Richardson							24 37	
Frank Daniels .								
J. C. & H. H. Thorne							0 45	
							39 60	
Millis Company .							6 00	
James P. Spencer							2 50	
Frank E. Cook .							7 61	
P. R. Clark .							8 78	
E. L. Richardson, 186	)2							
J. H. Haines, 1892							4 75	
								\$438 13
Pros	PECT	н	LL C	EMET	TERY.			
Appropriation					~			
Appropriation					\$50	00		
Paid to Moses Richardson								
Tald to Moses Richardson			•					\$43 90
	ME	MODI	IAL I	DAV				
Appropriation					\$60	00		
Paid to George R. Hill .				,				\$60 00
	5	STAT	E AI	D.				
Refunded					\$136	00		
Paid to Louisa Foster .							\$52 00	
L. A. Cheesman .							52 00	
Sarah L. Fisher .							52 00	
Town of Medway, aid	to S	Stratt	on				24 00	
								\$180 00
								\$100 00
	STI	REET	LIG	HTS.				
Appropriation				.\$	1,250	00		
Paid to Millis Company, .							\$256 25	
							918 78	
							104 17	
Amounts carried forward						\$	1,279 20	
9								

Amount brought forward							
Paid to O. A. Clark, Rockvi	ille					\$1,279	
E. A. Jones, "						. 60	
J. H. Haines, "						. 60	
Welcome Adams, Re	ock vill.						
Edmund Ryan .	OCKVIII					60	10
Jacob Smith .						2 2	
L. F. Richardson		, .			,		
Millis Company						60	0
Millis Company				*		34 7	2
							- \$1,361 20
	т						
		DENT	ALS.				
Appropriation			. 81	.000	00		
Bank tax				307			
Corporation tax				141			
				5			
Court fines					-		
					41.7	1,563 55	
Paid to Geo. C. Thrasher, coll	lecting	taxes,	1892			SI14 76	
" "						14 60	
" сор	ying va	luation	, 1892	-		7 50	
" serv	rices as	assess	or, 180	12		77 50	
J. H. Shannon, consta	ble .					35 00	
S. J. Spear, printing						2 50	
C. G. Brackett, printin	g -					4 40	
G. C. Thrasher, collect	ing tax	tes .				3 50	
G. M. Billings, printing	g ballot	S.				3 00	
J. C. Thorne, police							
C. G. Brackett, auditor						TO 00	
" " printin	g .					1.40	
Cite Dage Stamping	1 Jan 2 11	ide noa	rns			20 00	
Lakeview Printing Co.,						12.00	
W W W	Town	Repor	ts			275 00	
W. H. Thorne, police						25 00	
C. G. Brackett, expense	treasu	irer.				20 20	
E. O. Jameson, services	as mo	derator				68 00	
Ed. LaCroix. water in l	ockup					16 63	
Charles J. Roberts, spe	cial po	lice				5 00	
Mrs. Cyrus Bullard, rep	airing s	sleigh				6 69	
N. Y. & N. E. R. R., ga	soline						
J. C. Thorne, printing						3 17	
Adin P. Blake, inspecto	r of ele	ction					
Amount carried forward				100		2 00	0 0
					-		\$754 85

Amount brought forward				\$754 85
Paid to Horatio Jones, overseer 1892			\$20.00	W/34 03
Henry L. Millis, Selectman, 1892 .			50 00	
Thomas Harding, attending court .			6 52	
" " overseer and sundries			61 54	
J. P. Eastman, cleaning town office .			6 40	
C. F. Spencer			15 00	
" "			5 00	
Printing			2 00	
J. N. Fiske, printing			2 25	
Court expenses			32 11	
			3- 11	\$200 82
				φ200 32
Paid to W. S. Mitchell, repairs on lockup .			\$1 34	
First Church of Christ vestry			60 00	
Millis Co., wiring lockup			5 00	
Moses C. Adams, expense on town repo			4 25	
Albert R. Daniels, labor on guide board			5 75	
N. Y. & N. E. R. R. Co., coal			23 54	
J. W. Farwell, services as assessor .			25 00	
" " special police			15 00	
Louis La Croix, town clerk			25 00	
" " recording births, dea	ths	and		
marriages			41 67	
Horatio Jones, overseer			22 00	
Adin P. Blake, "			25 00	
Thomas Harding, "			40 00	
Fred H. Holland, assessor			39 00	
Adin P. Blake, selectman			50 00	
Francis O. Phillips			I 50	
Mrs. D. Hagerty, cleaning town office			2 50	
Moses C. Adams, selectman			75 00	
" inspector of cattle .			30 00	
Millis Co., lighting town office			25 60	
F. D. & Co., sulphur			50	
		-		\$1,473 32

## Respectfully submitted,

Moses C. Adams, Adin P. Blake,

Selectmen of Millis.

# LIST OF JURORS.

To be Presented to the Town for Acceptance, April 2, 1894.

CALEB S. WILLIAMS,
FRED H. HOLLAND,
GEORGE P. SIMMONDS,
JONATHAN C. STANDLY,
EDMUND N. CLARK,
JOHN M. CRANE,
WILLIAM A. KNOWLS,

Joseph S. Adams,
Arthur Waite,
German S. Hosley,
Charles G. Brackett,
John Shea,
Arthur F. Leonard,
John A. Hutchins.

Moses C. Adams, Adin P. Blake, Selectmen of Millis.

MILLIS, March 10, 1894.

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HE following report is respectfully presented for the year ending March 1, 1894.

### RECEIPTS.

Appropriated by th	e tow	m								\$1,000	00
City of Boston											
Town of Foxboro											
William Newland											
Clothing sold .										1	50
										\$1,093	15
			C.	C. D.	ARLI	VG.					
Paid Farwell, Dani	els &	Co.	, store	e bill				\$123	98		
E. S. Fuller, m	eat b	ill	1					17	40		
Dr. C. F. Han	ilin, n	nedi	ical at	tenda	ance			I	00		
Funeral expen	ses							22	00		
										\$164	38
Amount carried )	Forwar	rd								\$164	38

Amount brought forward							
	SARAH	MPW	LAND				\$164 38
Paid W H Ct							
Paid W. H. Clark, bread J. H. Haines, house res						87 2	5
The state of the disc ici	it and min	VC .				32 6	
J. Hutchinson, cutting	housing w	ood					
Dr. Watson, medical at	tendance						
medi	cal attend	ance				25 00	
mis. O Neal, labor						2 50	
F. Swarman, store bill						6 18	
H. Jones, medicine						70	
Millis Co., 1 ton coal						7 00	
E. S. Fuller, meat .						4 19	
Mrs. Sweeney, board and	d care					136 50	
							223 97
	BETSY I	DARL	ING.				
Paid Wm. H Clark broad							
Paid Wm. H. Clark, bread						\$2 95	
Geo. C. Thrasher, wood						8 00	
Je runics, nouse rent	and milk					6 50	
Henry Crusar, board one E. S. Fuller meat	week and	wash	ing			5 00	
E. S. Fuller, meat . F. Swarman, store bill		-				2 14	
Dr. Watson medical atta			*	-		2 98	
Dr. Watson, medical atte	ndance					4 00	
Mrs. Cyrus Bullard, board	a from Ma	ly 6	-			172 25	
							\$203 82
	MARY A. S	HUM	WAY.				
Paid Mrs. Henry Crusar, boar	d						
y oracai, boai					-		\$156 36
	W. S. WE						
Dilbo							
Paid F. Swarman, store bill							\$48 15
	JOHN MAI	LONY.					
Paid Mrs. Gerry, board and one							
Paid Mrs. Gerry, board and car Dr. C. F. Hamlin, medical							
	attendanc	е.				15 00	- 0
							\$28 50
JAN	IES R. PLY	MPTO	N.				
Paid Dr. C. F. Hamlin, medical	attendan	ne en					
Millis Co., coal	·		-				
						3 50	\$12 50
Amount carried forward						_	
Jorward						5	837 68

Amount brought forward					\$837	68
MARION H. CURTIS.						
Paid board of Mr. Follansbee					. \$86	00
WM. J. FORD.						
Paid board of Mrs. Savage					\$52	00
LIZZIE J. CAMPBELL.						
Paid E. F. Richardson, digging and filling grave			ě-			
Rev. E. O. Jameson, attending funeral .			P3			
The second secon					\$6	00
				-		
Paid Thomas Harding, care of tramps						
Expenses, Gibbs and Campbell cases .			I	78		0
					\$76	58
TOWN OF PRESCOTT						
Paid board of Mrs. Lincoln			\$07	84		
Clothing						
				_	\$100	84
DD C F WINNEY						
DR. C. F. HAMLIN.						
Paid medical attendance R. McGrath					\$14	00
A. P. BLAKE.						
Paid clothing for Frank Savage					\$1	75
GEO. THRASHER.						
Paid wood furnished lockup					\$6	50
INCIDENTALS.						
Paid Thomas Harding, taking sick man to Tewks	sbury		\$2	25		
Horatio Jones, taking sick woman to Tewks	bury		3	31		
Lavender, putting electric light in lockup			5			
A. P. Blake, expenses to Rehoboth	1-1		4			
Sanford Brothers, mattress and bedding for	locku	Р	9	12	\$1,206	OF
Quardraum						
Overdrawn					\$147	07

Since our report was made up we have received from A. C. Andrews \$33.00 that was reported as due last year; and from Fales & Mellen on account of settlement of Burton case, after deducting pay for their services and disbursements, \$277.77.

THOMAS HARDING, HORATIO JONES, A. P. BLAKE.



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To the Inhabitants of the Town of Millis:



OUR Board of Fire Engineers would report as follows:—They have caused to be constructed at Rockville, the reservoir as voted for at your last annual meeting, which we think will prove a very

judicious expenditure of money, protecting as it does a number of valuable buildings.

We have also purchased for the town the new hose which was voted and a grant made for, together with such fixtures as were necessary to make connections with either the hydrants or the engines.

We have caused the engine house to be lighted by electricity the greater part of the year, and have allowed the heating and lighting of a small room for the use of the members of the fire department during the winter evenings.

We have rented to different organizations in town the use of Niagara Hall to the amount of \$50, the receipts for which will not appear in our report for this year as the money has not been collected, but is good.

The Millis Water Company has added to our hydrant service so that we now have fourteen hydrants available for use on different streets in case of fire. With five or six more of them placed, we should be in very excellent condition to cover all the center of the town. We cannot speak too highly of the protection which it affords our property holders and would call the attention of our voters to what was accomplished by its use at the fire in Mr. Woodman's building, the bake-shop.

Through the generosity of the fire department and other citizens of the town, and without any expense to the town itself, there has been purchased and placed in the engine house at the center of the town, a well equipped hook and ladder truck, also a hose carriage, for the operation of which companies have been organized from among the regular members of the fire company.

We would report the fire apparatus belonging to the town in excellent condition and always ready for service when required.

You will see by our financial statement herewith appended that we have kept within the several special grants made for specific purposes, but that we have overdrawn the regular appropriation for the fire department; and in connection with this, we would say that while usually the firemen are paid only once a year, and that to the first of May, we have caused them to be paid six months of this year, or to November first, appreciating as we thought the need there was for it.

We would also remind the voters of the town that whenever there is an alarm given for fire our firemen respond, which entails expense to the town that cannot be avoided.

We know of nothing which would call for any special appropriation in connection with our Board for the coming year and would recommend a general appropriation of \$500 for fire purposes for the ensuing year.

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The Board of Fire Engineers think that the thanks of the town and of the Board itself are due the members of the

companies for their prompt responses to alarms for fires and for their active service while contending with them.

Alarms for fires responded to by Niagara company were as follows:

June 4. Fire in woods near Henry Bullard. " tenement over E. Millis store. July 4. Bonfire near E. Millis store. July 27. Fire in grass on hill opposite C. La Croix. Aug. 6. " Mrs. Lansing Millis' barn. Oct. 15. " woods near C. G. Brackett's. 11 66 Oct. 16. Nov. 9. " Bakery. Nov. 17. " Parsonage. " Broad meadows.
" W. Morse's store house. Nov. 19. Dec. 30.

On Nov. 30, they responded to an alarm for fire which proved to be in Franklin.

Alarms for fires responded to by Rockville company were as follows:

June 17. Fire at Storehouse E. Waite's mill.

Feb. 12.

Dec. 17. " H. Wiggin's house in Deanville, 2 alarms for same fire.

" Stock house Waite's Paper Mill, second alarm.

Feb. 12. Fire at Stock-house of Waite's Paper Mill.

List of fire bills paid by Town Treasurer, as per vouchers.

SPECIAL GRANT FOR RESERVOIR AT ROCKVILLE.

	SIECI	CATE (	MAIN	1 101	n ne	SERV	OIK I	II We	CR	ILLILIE		
Grant .										\$175	00	
Paid G. R. H	ill as	per c	ontra	act								\$175 00
		SPEC	IAL	GRAN	T FO	R NE	w H	OSE.				
Grant .										\$600	00	
Expendit	ures:											
Hose .							٠.			\$570	00	
Spanners										3	25	
Reducers and	Caps									3	25	
Freight .										8	50	\$585 00
Balance	1											\$15 00

# SPECIAL GRANT FOR HYDRANT SERVICE.

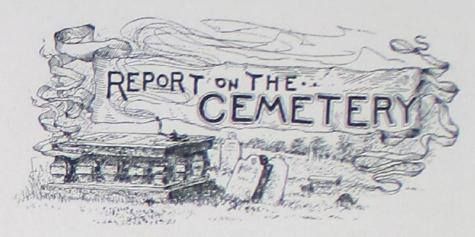
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Grant								
Expenditures:							\$1,000 00	
Millis Water Company							\$350 00	
" "							175 00	
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Balance								
								\$169 07
Grant for general expens	ses							
							\$500 00	
Expenditures:								
J. S. Adams, engineer								
G. R. Hill, "							\$10 00	
C. La Croix, "							10 00	
J. H. Ingraham, "							10 00	
J. W. Farwell, engineer	and cl	arl					10 00	
Rockville Engine Co. to	Marz	r					15 00	
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Niagara " "	Nov. 1 May 1						24 75	
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E. L. Richardson	vov. I		-				100 25	
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Express					-	-	80	
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Boston Woven Hose and	Kubb	er Co		-			4 75	
W. P. Frink, steward							26 00	
J. Standley						-	4 00	
					-	-	75	
H. P. Paige & Co						*-	2 75	
J. H. Ingraham						*	2 85	
J. E. Davis, treasurer .							4 25	
J. Reardon							1 00 1	
J. Riley							1 00	
W. P. Frink, steward .							20 75	
O. T. Dean, insurance .							16 50	
J. Standley							4 00	
Revere Rubber Co							1 50	
Boston Woven Hose and F	Lubber	Co.					10 00	
"		66					2 00	
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Amount carried C.								
Amount carried forward						\$6	25 66	

Amount brought forwar	ď				\$625 6	6	
J. Lyons					2 6	5	
Millis Company .						5	
						30	
					25 2	20	
W. P. Frink, steward					20 5	50	
J. H. Shannon .					12 0	00	
E. La Croix					1 0	06	
Millis Company .							
J. C. and H. H. Thorne						00	\$756 07
Grant					\$500	00	
Overdrawn							\$256 07

# All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. S. Adams, Chief Engineer, J. W. Farwell, First Asst. G. R. Hill, Second Asst. Chas. La Croix, Third Asst. J. H. Ingraham, Fourth Asst.





For the Year 1893-94.



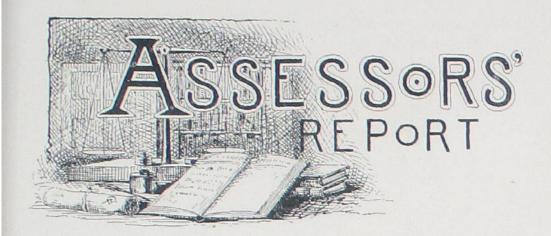
HERE has been expended in repairs, labor, and care this last year the sum of \$43.90. I have received for the sale of lots, during the year, \$30.00, which has been paid into the town treas-

ury; this, with the amount received the year before, makes in all \$65.00 received for lots sold; I would recommend that the above sum be invested in some way as the beginning of a fund for the future care of the cemetery as voted by the town.

Last spring, the proprietors of the lots in the part of the cemetery called the Circle had connection made from the main water pipe to the centre of the Circle, and by the generosity of Mr. H. L. Millis, they had all the water they wanted to use within the reach of one hundred feet of hose; this, with the extra care bestowed on the circle by Mr. George H. Roberts has kept it in a better condition than ever before. Water is very necessary in order to keep a cemetery or any other grounds in good condition and I hope, in the near future, all parts of the cemetery will be supplied with it.

Moses Richardson.

MILLIS, Mar. 6, 1894.



#### TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.

Schools and school	inci	denta	ls			\$3,500	00
Roads, bridges and	side	walk	S			1,800	00
Poor department a							
Snow						100	00
General incidentals	3					1,000	00
Fire department						500	00
·Care of cemetery						50	00
Memorial Day						60	00,
Public library							
Street lights .					1	1,250	00
Debt and interest						5,200	00
Hydrant service							
Lavender street						300	00
Plain street .						500	00
·Curve street .						150	00 \$16,110 00

#### GENERAL STATEMENT.

Town Grant						\$15,160	00
State Tax							
-County Tax		1		1		. 534	84
							\$16,319 84

# DEDUCTIONS FROM AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION.

Estimated return from Bank an	d Cor	porat	ion T	ax		\$100	8.
Funded Debt						5,000	
						3,000	\$5,100 84
	VAL	UATIO	N.				
Value of assessed personal assess							
Value of assessed personal estate	e,						\$111,590 00
Value of assessed real estate			-		-		661,000 00
Total valuation	,						\$772,680 00
Total tax assessed				*	-		\$12,458 50
					9		15 00
Number of polls							
" taxpavers on property	,			*		370	
" taxpayers on propert	,	*	1			383	
" acres of land						607	
" acres of land assessed	d.					7,006	
MUISCS	-					220	
cattle ,						-60	
SWAIIC , , ,							
A W CHILLES							
			-				e con un
" land						*	2400,750 00
					-	-	200,340 00

# Respectfully submitted,

Joseph W. Farwell, George C. Thrasher, Frederick H. Holland.

Assessors for 1893.

MILLIS, February 24, 1894.

## ANNUAL REPORT

OF

# THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of the Town of Millis:

N presenting their annual report, your committee wish first of all to express their regret that they have not been able to keep within the amount appropriated for schools at the last annual meeting.

Last year we were able to cover into the treasury more than \$500. This year we have expended \$189.29 above the amount appropriated. A careful examination of the financial part of our report will afford the requisite explanation. The amount received from the State School Fund is a variable quantity. This year it was upwards of \$45.00 less than last year. Owing greatly to the inclement season our expense for fuel has been \$38.00 above the usual requirement. A comparison with last year of the list under General Incidentals will show that there has been an excess this year of more than \$260.00.

This excess is accounted for by the necessary expenditures for repairs on Adams School building, furnishing the new school room in the Grange building and necessary additional heating apparatus. These extras, most of which were not foreseen by your committee, and therefore were not reckoned in the estimates presented last year, taken in connection with

the diminution of amount received from State Fund, foot up to upwards of \$344.00. Taking all things into account, your committee congratulate themselves that they have not been compelled to present a larger deficit than \$189.20.

### THE SCHOOLS.

Your committee have reason to commend the condition in which they find them and are convinced that they will compare favorably with those of the towns around us. We lack many of the facilities which are supplied by more favored communities, but in most of the essentials, we, as a community, have reason to congratulate ourselves that our children possess the opportunity to acquire a good thorough education in all these branches that shall fit them, to take a worthy place in society, to transact business understandingly and to discharge in the future the high responsibilities of American citizenship. If they failed in any of these respects, it will not be the fault of the schools. Under the present system of grades, with the wise supervision of an experienced superintendent, counselling and directing a faithful and efficient corps of teachers, we may hope that, what is now good will advance step by step toward perfection.

### COOPERATION.

But something more is needed than to furnish the appropriate facilities for an education. These facilities must be appreciated and used to make them efficient in results. Every parent and guardian ought to take especial pains to secure for every child the advantage of these facilities. He who does not this, robs his child of a benefit which once lost can never be regained, It is not only unwise, for the sake of a little temporary gain, to take a child from school before he or she shall have completed at least the grammar school course; it is positively wrong, because it is inflicting an injury

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on one, held in the most precious trust, too helpless and too ignorant to act for himself.

Parents and guardians therefore should cooperate with superintendent and teachers and school committee, in giving efficacy to all the means employed and afforded for the education of their children. This matter has been considered of so much importance that by legal enactment the State compels all parents and guardians to give their cooperation in some most essential points by making a failure to do so a misdemeanor subject to penalty. As witness the following:

SECTION I. [As amended by chap. 464, Acts of 1889, and chap. 384 of 1890.] Every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years shall annually cause such child to attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides, and such attendance shall continue for at least thirty weeks of the school year if the schools are kept open that length of time, with an allowance of two weeks' time for absences not excused by the superintendent of schools or the school committee, and for every neglect of such duty the person offending shall, upon the complaint of a school committee or any truant officer, forfeit to the use of the public schools of such city or town a sum not exceeding twenty dollars; but if such child has attended for a like period of time a private day school approved by the school committee of such city or town, or if such child has been otherwise instructed for a like period of time in the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or has already acquired the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or im. practicable, such penalty shall not be incurred.

SECTION 2. [As amended by chap. 464, Acts of 1889.] For the purposes of the preceding section school committees shall approve a private school only when the teaching in all the studies required by law is in the English language, and when they are satisfied that such teaching equals in thoroughness and efficiency the teaching in the public schools in the same locality, and that equal progress is made by the pupils therein, in the studies required by law, with that made during the same time in the public schools; but they shall not refuse to approve a private school on account of the religious teaching therein.

SECT. 3. The truant officers and the school committee of the several cities and towns shall vigilantly inquire into all cases of neglect of the duty prescribed in section one, and ascertain the reasons, if any, therefor; and such truant officers, or any of them, shall, when so directed by the school committee, prosecute, in the name of the city or town, any person liable to the penalty provided for in said section. Police, district and municipal courts, trial

justices, and judges of the probate court, shall have jurisdiction within their respective counties of the offences described in section one.

SECT. 4. "The school committee shall annually, in the month of May, ascertain or cause to be ascertained the names and ages of all persons between the ages of five and fifteen years belonging to their respective cities and towns on the first day of May, and shall make a record thereof.

SECT. 5. "Whoever, having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years, withholds information in his possession sought by a school committee or its agents for the purposes of the preceding section, or falsifies in regard to the same, shall be punished by fine not exceeding twenty dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty days."

Your committee therefore feel it incumbent upon them to call your attention to these essential legal requirements. As a rule, eight years of age is young enough to make a pupil of a child in a public school. Entering at that age and continued in school until the age of fourteen is reached, if proper attention is given to secure constant attendance, a child, even of only common talent, will become fitted for any of the ordinary avocations of life. By a failure on the part of parents and guardians many a child has been compelled to take some inferior places, because of being handicapped by lack of an education, for which lack his parent is responsible. But it is not enough simply to comply with the letter of the law. The pupils of the schools should be made to feel by the conduct, advice and authority of the parents and guardians, that the school is as necessary to them as the clothes they wear or the food they eat. The cases are exceedingly rare when any adverse criticism of superintendent, teacher or committee should be made in the hearing of a child. That mistakes may be made in the conduct of the schools on the part of those who have them in charge is freely admitted. The only proper way to correct them is by careful inquiry in regard to the facts and friendly conference with those who may have erred. Nothing should be said or done to lessen the authority of the superintendent or the teacher in the mind of the pupil.

Another and important way in which the desired co-operation may be secured is, to give careful attention to the reports which at stated times are furnished for the parents' inspection. These will show the standing of the pupil, whether he is making the proper progress in his studies or otherwise, and if his deportment is commendable. Timely commendation for good conduct and reproof for negligence and misconduct at the home will do much to aid in the work and conduct at school. Besides, as advancement from grade to grade is based largely upon these reports, disappointment and fault-finding at the time of advancement will be avoided. For the well-being of the child no wise parent or guardian will wish advancement when there is lack of previous accomplishment and a consequent incompetency to sustain the advanced position of scholarship.

Further in respect to this need of co-operation your committee would call careful attention to the statute requirements in the above sections so far as they refer to the *duties* and *obligations* of school committee, superintendent and truant officers. Notice these statutes are not simply *permissive* as to action but *mandatory*. In other words they require duties to be performed and do not simply give advice as to what may or may not be done.

#### TEACHERS.

There has been less of change during the past year to the great advantage of the schools. Your committee much to their regret were compelled to part with, Mr. Robert S. Atkins about the middle of the Fall Term. Most gladly would we have retained his valuable services had we been able. He is now occupying one of the most prominent positions among the grammar schools of the State. We were fortunate in securing at once Mr. C. W. M. Blanchard, who by education, training in normal school at Bridgewater, and several years experience in teaching, is in every respect well furnished for his position. Miss Ella J. Brown after five terms of faithful and arduous service resigned her position at

by the election of Miss Susie O. Newhouse who has proved herself admirably fitted to the position she has held. Owing to the illness of Miss Blanche W. Trufant, Miss Eloise Holland was secured as substitute for the summer term and worthily discharged the duties to which she was called. The large number of scholars in the primary department of the Adams school rendered a division necessary and this rendered necessary also an additional room and an additional teacher. The room was provided in the Grange building and Miss Newhouse has charge of the school. Miss Cora M. Daniels was appointed teacher of the other portion of the division which remains in the Adams school building, and commenced her work with the beginning of the Winter Term.

### OUR SUPERINTENDENT.

Your committee have reason to speak with the highest approval of the efficient supervision of the schools and valuable aid to themselves of Mr. Fred C. Tenney. His work is by no means to be judged solely by the number of hours spent in the school-rooms. His wise correction of threatened abuses, his timely suggestions as to modes and methods of instruction and discipline given to the teachers, and the long and careful examination of the written and oral exercises of the pupils with reference to their advancement in the grades and to the High School, render his supervision of the highest value. We bespeak for his report which accompanies this, your most careful attention.

## THE MEDWAY HIGH SCHOOL.

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At present there is in attendance at the High School twelve pupils. Part of the year fifteen have been in attendance. The committee earnestly request that if for any cause any of the High School pupils shall cease their attendance during any term or before the time for using their railroad tickets expires, they will at once return their tickets to the Secretary, Mr. J. W. Clark, Rockville, in order that the rebate may be secured.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

#### RECEIPTS FOR SCHOOLS.

RECEIPTS FOR	SCHO	OLS.					
Annual grant				3,500 289 164	03		
Total avails						\$3,953	14
EXPENDITURES F	OR SO	снос	LS.				
Paid Town of Medway for High School tu	ition	fron	Man				
1, 1891 to Mar. 1, 1892						\$226	66
Paid for teaching the Adams Grammar Sci	hool:						
Robert S. Atkins				\$360	50		
C. W. M. Blanchard				195	00		
Miss Blanche W. Trufant, assistant				190			
Miss Eloise Holland, assistant.				77	00		
Total						\$822	50
Paid for teaching the Adams Intermediate	Schoo	1:					
Miss I. L. Fox						\$346	00
Paid for teaching the Adams Primary Sch	ool:						
Miss Ella J. Brown				\$126	00		
Miss Susie O. Newhouse, sub-primar	y			198	00		
Miss Cora M. Daniels				70	00		
Total						\$394	00

Paid for teaching the Ellice		ol:					
Miss I. R. Mills							\$315 00
Paid for teaching the Danie	Il Sch	ool:					
Miss Bessie F. Clark							\$266 oo
Paid for care of schoolhouses							
Samuel H. Frink, Ada John D. Hutchinson, I L. H. Demary, Daniell Total	ms Ellice					\$168 oc 38 73 35 oc	
Paid for fuel:							7 73 5
George C. Thrasher W. P. & J. W. Clark The Millis Co. Lonergan J. C. Thorne Evan F. Richardson E. N. Clark  Total  Paid for books and supplies:  J. L. Hammett G. C. Heath & Co. Ginn & Co. University Publishing Co Leach, Shewell & Sanbor Boston School Supply Co Houghton, Mifflin & Co.						137 38 80 17 08 11 68	\$201 00
Total		-	4				\$207 68
School incidentals:							
N. Y. & N. E. R. R., high G. P. Simmons, transports Farwell, Daniels & Co. Mrs. Daniel Haggerty	ation.					52 00 41 00 13 59 7 38	
Amount carried forward					\$22	3 97	

Amount beaught forward					
Amount brought forward				\$223	97
Paid James H. Haines, truant officer		ř		5	
				2	
Clarence Jones, transportation .				12	00
Fred C. Bullard, "				19	20
				19	20
Miss Klara Schwartz "				19	
Edward La Croix , , ,				61	57
				2	49
				28	50
Mrs. Frank Meyer					50
Fred C. Tenney, expenses .				5	07
E. O. Jameson				I	00
Miss Bessie Watson, transportation				12	00
Miss Jennie Daniels, "				12	00
C. E. Draper				20	37
Geo. L. Meyer				24	30
Mrs. Dennis McCarty				2	
E. F. Lovell					00
E. F. Richardson, labor and money				25	
E. F. Richardson, services, etc.					29
Mrs. Houseman					77
W. S. Mitchell				92	4
C - D TITL					65
W I P D					22
TIL TELL				8	90
J. N. Fiske					75
J. W. Clark, services, etc.					50
T 111 CH 1 11					44
J D. Hutchinson, cutting wood					00
H. H. Thorne, expenses .				14	
W. H. Thorne				10	
Winchester Furniture Co					00
73 73 1 0 0			4		00
Orpin Bros., desk, etc					75
Mrs. Mary Russell					50
Henry E. Hosmer					69
Samuel H. Frink					70
J. H. Ingraham, truant officer .					90
W. P. Clark, insurance Daniell scho				11	
" " on books an				12	
H. F. Lane, services and expenses				16	
A. F. Engley, mats					
1. I. Engley, mats	•			4	50
Amount carried forward			1	\$854	62

	Amount b	Green								\$854 6 6 8		
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	Total											
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Am	nount expe	ended	for teac	hing								
	4	56	care of	houses						32,370 16		
		**	fuel .							241 75		
		66	books as	nd supp	olies					201 00		
		**	general i	inciden	tals					864 72		
	44		salaries							271 24		
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	Deficit										3-953 14	
					-			*	-		\$189 29	

By the most careful estimate of the school requirements for the coming year, your committee are of the opinion that \$3,500 will meet the demand, and this sum they ask the town to grant.

Respectfully submitted by order of the school committee,

HENRY F. LANE, Chairman, J. W. CLARK, Secretary, E. F. RICHARDSON.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

## To the School Committee of Millis:

GENTLEMEN.—I have the honor of submitting to you my third annual report of the public schools of Millis.

The year has, on the whole, been uneventful. The methods of work set forth in the previous reports have been adhered to as closely as possible, and wherever weakness has been manifested improvement has been attempted.

The course of study, prepared for the District, and adopted in 1892, has come into operation throughout the different grades, and the work has been rendered more systematic and uniform thereby.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY READING.

The furnishing of four of the six grammar grades with masterpieces of literature for supplementary reading has proved so successful that I feel no hesitation in recommending that the remaining grades be supplied at once with reading matter of a similar nature.

The child entering the fourth year of school, the first year of the grammar grades, now reads with considerable facility; he has practically mastered the mechanical details of the art. From this time onward, the books furnished him should be such as have a permanent literary and educational value. The ordinary school reader, with its miscellaneous assortment of disconnected, unrelated fragments, lamentably fails to supply this want. Reading the brief, scrappy extracts, even if their sources be worthy ones, which necessarily have no beginning and no end, which afford no view of the piece of

literature as a whole, can excite but little interest and animation in the child, and, hence, can yield him little real advanage. He is now able to understand and appreciate a good book as a work of art, as well as simply to comprehend the story which it tells. The influence for good upon our children of a generous supply of the masterpieces of American literature can hardly be estimated. Hawthorne, Lowell, Longfellow, Holmes, Burroughs, Irving: -these, and many others, are all available in these years for purifying and ennobling the pupil's character, and forming his literary taste. The boy who has been nourished on this wholesome food will have no morbid cravings for the unhealthful, highlyspiced dishes of the sensational "penny dreadfuls." He has learned, in the true sense, to read; has learned to love true literature for its own sake; and has laid the best of all foundations for broad and generous culture,

Believing thoroughly, as I do, in these ideas, I can hardly do otherwise than recommend strongly that we ultimately furnish each pupil, not one, but several of these "literary wholes" as readers, and that, in the meantime, the supply of this kind of reading matter be increased as rapidly as our

finances will admit.

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## TOPICAL METHOD OF TEACHING.

An improvement over the work of previous years has been made in substituting, more completely than before, the topical method of teaching for the old "inch" method.

Instead of assigning a certain number of inches, or lines, in a given text book, to be committed to memory by the pupil, thus placing him on an intellectual level with the parrot, the salient features of the subject under consideration, arranged in orderly, well-considered topics, are presented to him, and he is encouraged to acquire information bearing upon these topics from as many different sources as possible. The recitation in a given study consists of a statement by

the pupil, in his own words, of the knowledge he has gained concerning the points under discussion. While this recitation may not rival in brilliancy of rhetoric or in grammatical accuracy any given text-book's presentation of the subject, it possesses the great advantage of teaching him to distinguish important from unimportant particulars, and of affording him a most valuable training in the use of idiomatic English.

Recitations "in the words of the book" are still to be heard, indeed. The habits of years are not overcome in a term or in a year, but the spectacle of a child brought to a full stop in his recitation from uncertainty whether the next word is "large" or "great," and being utterly unable to continue until the teacher has supplied the identical word used by "the book," is fortunately rare. Let us hope that time and constant effort will ultimately render it unknown.

#### SPELLING.

In teaching spelling an innovation has been recently introduced from which excellent results are expected.

A list of words, selected from the spelling book, or occurring in the daily work, is dictated by the teacher to the class. After consulting the dictionary each pupil writes, in a book supplied him for the purpose, the words dictated, each with its proper definition, and a sentence illustrating the use of the word, in the sense in which it is defined.

The books are duly examined and the work corrected, the corrected exercise of one day, serving as a basis for an oral recitation on the next.

This is a most excellent exercise, involving nice discrimination between different words, and between different uses of the same word, as well as teaching the simple art of spelling, and affording practice in penmanship. A simpler and more satisfactory guide to the use of correct English could hardly be devised.

An important improvement in our school system has been made by

# REMOVING THE FIRST GRADE PRIMARY PUPILS

from the Adams school to the new room in the building recently erected by the Millis Grange.

The overcrowded Adams Primary Department, relieved in 1892 by removing the fourth and fifth grades to a separate room, was again, at the opening of the fall term of 1893, in a congested state, its pupils exceeding fifty in number.

In a perfectly graded grammar school, the pupils of which have all received practically the same instruction in the preceding grades, and to which promotions have been made so judiciously that all are approximately equally advanced, it is perhaps, possible for a teacher of good executive ability to do satisfactory work with an average attendance of fifty pupils. In the lower grades, even under the most favorable circumstances, such work is not possible. The number of children which can be confided to the care of a single primary teacher is not, as some would-be critics seem to think, fixed by the number of desks in the room or the number of square feet in its floor. The degree of advancement of the children and the number of classes into which they are divided should be considered in determining the size of the school. The higher the grade the larger the number which may be placed in a class. In the lower grades the mistake of forming classes of excessive size is very frequently made. Primary instruction is essentially individual in character, and the limit of the number which may advantageously be taught in one division is ten or twelve. For this reason it is evident that, with the short hours given to primary work, and the numerous recitations and exercises required, an allotment of twenty or twentyfive pupils per teacher is ample.

But another hinderance to the progress of the school, more serious even than excessive numbers, was to be found in the number of grades which it contained; viz., three.

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The teacher of a single primary grade has no sinecure. There is no work requiring closer, more unremitting attention than this, and the good teacher who finds time hang heavily on her hands, or who can even accomplish, satisfactorily to herself, in the hours of school, the work which is really indispensable, is the exception, not the rule. If this be true of a single grade, what can be expected of the unfortunate teacher of three?

Section 14, chap. 236 of the Acts of 1886 provides that :-

"In every public school having an average of fifty scholars, the school district or town to which such school belongs, shall employ one or more female assistants, unless such district or town votes to dispense with such assistant."

The excessive numbers of pupils and the multiplicity of grades rendered the subdivision of the Adams' Primary School expedient and economical; the statute quoted above rendered it imperative.

### SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

While our schools may justly be said to be in a good condition, and to be steadily improving in many respects, they are by no means perfect. A most important part of the duty of the superintendent consists, therefore, in offering to the committee, the parents, and citizens in general, suggestions looking to improvement and increased efficiency in school work. In this connection

THE AGE AT WHICH CHILDREN SHALL BE ADMITTED TO THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

is important.

The school committee is, by statute, empowered and required to secure the attendance of all children between the ages of eight and fourteen years upon some approved school for at least thirty weeks of every year. The committee may, also, in its discretion, admit children to school before they are eight years of age, but in such cases, cannot compel regular attendance.

As a matter of fact, in a very large proportions of towns and cities throughout the state, committees have fixed the age for admission to the primary school at five years.

In the case of a healthy, well developed child this age is, doubtless, sufficiently mature for beginning regular work, but it is a fact that, owing to our nervous, American temperament, and our unhygienic mode of life, a very large per cent of our children are neither healthy nor well developed. Such children, admitted at the age of five years, either to gratify their own longing for companionship or for the convenience of their parents, are not physically strong enough to accomplish the required work. They attend only in pleasant weather, lose their membership with the approach of winter, and return, perhaps, in the spring to find their hardier comrades so far advanced that it is impossible to overtake them. Discouragement and dislike of school and school duties follows, with the natural result that the child is forced to repeat the entire year's work with the next entering class.

It is not the child who earliest enters the primary that earliest graduates from the grammar school. Many parents err in sending their children too early to school; few in sending them too late. Next to a sound mind a sound body is to be desired. Nature has ordained that the physical shall precede the intellectual in man's development. See to it, parents, that you do not force the latter at the immediate expense of the former, and to the ultimate harm of both.

#### BY-LAWS.

A set of by-laws concerning truant children and absentees from school, based upon the provisions of Chap. 48 of the Public Statutes, has been forwarded to the committee on town by-laws, and will be submitted to the voters at the annual town meeting. It is earnestly hoped favorable action may be taken in regard to adopting the same.

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#### NEED OF INCREASED SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS.

While realizing fully the financial stringency now affecting alike individuals, communities and nations, and while appreciating the necessity for the strictest economy in all expenditures, I cannot, in justice to the fourth and fifth, and the sixth and seventh grammar grades, still quartered in the Adams building cloak rooms, refrain from calling the attention of the townspeople to the utter inadequacy of their present accommodations, and to the unchanged timeliness and pertinency of the suggestions of the reports of 1891 and 1892, in this respect.

#### PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The public library, like the public school, is a part of our educational system. Valuable in itself as a means of education, it becomes doubly useful when supplementing the work of the school with its store of science, art and literature.

To extend the usefulness of the library by increasing the circulation of its volumes, as well as to secure to our pupils the advantage of its large supply of supplementary material, I would suggest to the trustees the advisability of:

- 1. Reducing the age at which minors, furnishing a satisfactory guarantee that any loss or damage caused by them will be made good, may take out books, to nine years.
- 2. Allowing each teacher in the public schools the privilege of drawing books for use in schools, the number of volumes in one teacher's possession at any given time not to exceed ten.
- 3. Granting the teachers, so far as possible, free access to the library shelves, that they may familiarize themselves with their contents.

In this way teachers will be enabled to increase the efficiency of their instruction, and to suggest courses of reading for general use, as well as others particularly suited to the needs of individual pupils, thus opening a wide field of legitimate usefulness to their ally in the cause of education, the public library.

### VISITORS IN SCHOOL.

The school cannot, and should not, be made to assume the entire responsibility of educating its pupils. The parent should, in justice to his child, be a careful observer and an impartial critic of its courses of study and methods of teaching.

This he can never be, if he is content to acquire his information at second hand from common report and daily gossip. He should consider it a duty as well as a privilege to visit the schools frequently and to observe their workings carefully. Their doors are always open to the interested visitor, and pupil and teacher will alike be stimulated and encouraged by his presence.

Friendly criticism and kindly suggestion, based upon actual observation, is always welcome to both teacher and superintendent. Will not our parents and our citizens generally aid us in this particular more frequently in the future than they have done in the past?

#### CONCLUSION.

In conclusion permit me to express my sincere appreciation of the hearty and united support accorded me by the committee, without which the efforts of teachers and superintendent could have availed but little.

Respectfully submitted,

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FRED C. TENNEY,

Supt. of Schools.

### APPENDIX.

		AVBRAGE.	AVERAGE.	PER CENT OF	
Adams Grammar School .		38	35.3	93	
Adams Intermediate School		26.5	24.6	92.83	
Adams Primary School .		42.6	36.85	86.5	
Ellice School		28	26.4	94	
Daniell School		18.09	16.32	89	



# SCHOOL SPECIALTIES.

# The Adams School.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

ENROLLMENT, 38 PUPILS

ROBERT S. ATKINS, C. W. M. BLANCHARD, Teachers.

MISS BLANCHE W. TRUFANT, Assistant.

ROLL OF HONOR.

FIRST TERM.—Martin J. McDonough, Agnes I. Farwell.

SECOND TERM.—Agnes I. Farwell, Jennie Shea, Geo. B. Holland, Daniel D. Holland,

Advanced to High School.—Pearl L. Andrews, Ethel Fisher, Kate Martin, Martin F. McDonough, Martin J. McDonough.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

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ENROLLMENT, 35 PUPILS.

MISS LILLABEL FOX, Teacher.

ROLL OF HONOR.

FIRST TERM.-Wm. J. McDonough.

SECOND TERM.—James Geary, Ethel Kenison, Roy Kenison, Albert Maguire, Arthur Maguire, Delia A. Myer, Clifford E. Hood.

THIRD TERM.-Roy Kenison, Ethel Kenison, Alice Shea.

Advanced to Grammar School.—Mabel H. Blake, Maurice A. Blake, Martin F. Clancy, Charles A. Hood, Grace L. Myer, Lavinia Schwartz, Leroy C. G. West, Edgar Burr.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

ENROLLMENT, 61 PUPILS.

ELLA J. BROWN,
SUSIE O. NEWHOUSE,
CORA M. DANIELS.

Teachers.

ROLL OF HONOR.

FIRST TERM.—Leroy H. Kenison, Adela E. Kenison.
THIRD TERM.—Evan Howe.

Advanced to Intermediate Department.—Harry Holbrook, Clifford Hood, Clarence Hood, Ethel Kenison, Leroy Kenison, John McDonough, Alice Shea.

There has been a division of this Department into the Primary and Sub-Primary.

### The Ellice School.

PRIMARY GRADE.

Enrollment, 30 Pupils. Rubelle Mills, Teacher.

ROLL OF HONOR.

FIRST TERM.-Robert Gardiner, Maude Hutchinson.

SECOND TERM .- Olive Willard, Edith Clark.

THIRD TERM.—Rosie Maguire, Olive Willard, Edith Clark, Curtis Parish, Cyrus Sawyer.

Advanced to Grammar School.—William Gardiner, Jennie Shannon, Katie Maguire, Robert Gardiner.

## The Daniell School.

PRIMARY GRADE.

ENROLLMENT, 18 PUPILS.

MISS BESSIE F. CLARK, Teacher.

ROLL OF HONOR.

SECOND TERM.—Mary E. Cassidy, Lewis H. Demary. THIRD TERM—Mary E. Cassidy, Agnes D. Cassidy.

Advanced to Grammar School.—Emma F. Cook, Lewis H. Demary, Caroll A. Farwell.

# The Medway High School.

ENROLLMENT FROM MILLIS, 12 PUPILS.

SCHOOL YEAR, 40 WEEKS.

LIST OF PUPILS.

Class of 1894.

Ware, Hannah B.

Class of 1895.

Daniels, Jennie W.

Watson, Bessie V.

Watson, Ralph

Class of 1896.

Bullard, Fred Haughs, Mary

Schwartz, Klara

Stobbart, Emmy

Howe, Jennie R.

Class of 1897.

Andrews, Pearl L.

Fisher, Ethel

McDonough, Martin

## LIST OF GRADUATES FROM MILLIS.

Class of 1883.

Daniels, Arthur H.

Jameson, Caroline C.

Russell, Mary G.

Class of 1884.

Bickford, Mary E. Spencer, Henry F.

Jones, Ellen M.

Swarman, Minnie L.

Walker, Mary W.

Class of 1885.

Daniels, Charles H.

Stevens, Etta S.

Stewart, Florence I.

Class of 1886.

Clark, Amy J.

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Clark, Mary A.

Class of 1887.

Richardson, Henry T.

Class of 1888.

Clark, Elsie L.

Richardson, Edith M.

1889.

1890.

Fisher, George K.

Daniels, Cora M.

Class of 1892.

Hollander, Charles

Holland, Eloise

Trufant, Blanche W.

Class of 1893.

Howe, F. Irving

Jones, Clarence H.

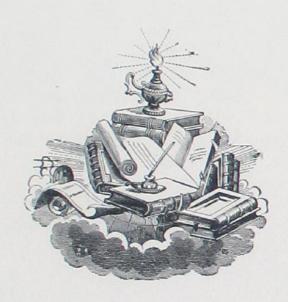
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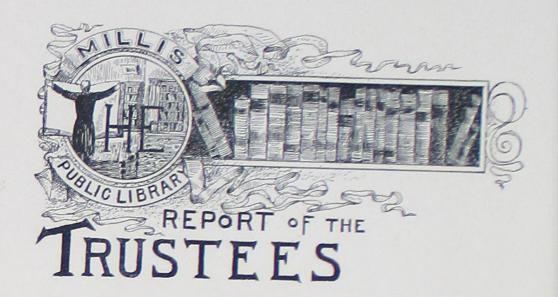
IN THE HIGHER INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

Richardson, Edith M., Class of 1893, Smith College, Mass.

GRADUATED IN 1890.

Daniels, Arthur H., Yale Theological Seminary, Conn.





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HE Board of Library Trustees organized as follows: Henry L. Millis, Chairman; Osgood T. Dean, Clerk and Treasurer; Mrs. Helen E. Van Kleeck, Rev. E. O. Jameson and George H. Clark, Executive Committee.

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Balance on hand Feb. 24, 1893						5	24	
Town appropriation							-	
		-	-			100	00	
Dog Tax	-			-		138	70	
Mrs. Van Kleeck, account binding		3	00					
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Insurance, W. P. Clark			\$18 00	
Hester J. Lovell, salary and expenses			76 75	
Millis Company, electric wiring .			29 80	
E. O. Jameson, books			3 07	
Balance in hands of treasurer .			185 42	
		-		\$313 04

Osgood T. Dean,

Clerk and Treasurer.



